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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 51382/273179

First Inventor Chitren et al.

Title UNITIZING ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR
ASSEMBLING A SEAL

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 20]
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 - Descriptive title of the Invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
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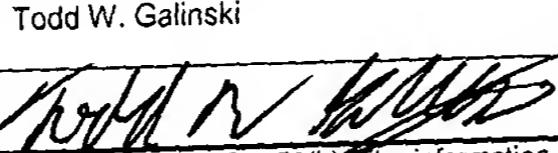
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	2001	Utility filing fee	750
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1004	2004	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 750)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	23	-20 **	= 3 X 18 = 54
Independent Claims	3	-3 **	= 0 X 0 = 0
Multiple Dependent			X 0 = 0

Large Entity

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1202	2202	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
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1254	1,450	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1402	320	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453	1,300	Petition to revive – unintentional	
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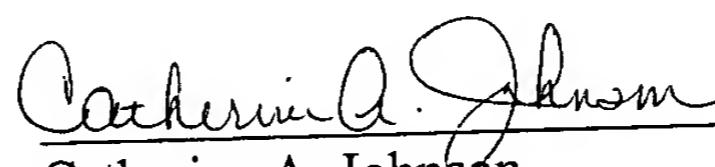
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